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RHB 6486 AAC Changes Of Addresses For Electors..

My Name is Judith Beaudreau; I am an Election Administrator / Registrar of Voters for the Town of Vernon, CT. I would like to thank the committee for raising this important bill.

The language before you will help to clarify where a notice can be mailed. That we can also eliminate another form and use the Voter Registration Card instead for changing ones address. This helps to simplify the process on Election Day for the Assistant Registrars of Voters who in many cases are over burdened with changes and by eliminating this other form it will lessen the time in getting voters qualified to cast their ballot and making their process of voting a better experience. I have suggested that Registrars of Voter include a new application for Voter Registration when mailing such notices. This is a help for the Elector and makes their registration in the new municipality easier. By doing this we will eliminate those voters who fail to re-register in the new municipality. This makes our process helpful to voters who do not realize that when they move to a new municipality that they must re-register to vote.

Suggested Substitute language in **BOLD CAPITOL LETTERS IN PURPLE**

Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 9-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

(e) In any case in which the registrars have obtained reliable information of an elector's change of address within the municipality, [they] the registrars OF VOTERS shall enter the name of such elector on the registry list at the place where the elector then resides, provided, if such reliable information is the National Change of Address System of the United States Postal Service, the registrar OF VOTERS shall change the registry list and send the elector a notice of the change by forwardable mail [and] to the elector's new address within the municipality along with a postage prepaid preaddressed return

form by which the elector may verify or correct the address information **AND A NEW APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION TO UPDATE THEIR RECORD**. If during the canvass the registrars **OF VOTERS** determine that an elector has moved out of [town] the municipality and such elector has not confirmed in writing that the elector has moved out of the [town] municipality, the registrars **OF VOTERS** shall, not later than May first, send to the elector, by forwardable mail to the elector's new address within the other municipality, a notice required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, together with a postage prepaid preaddressed return card on which the elector may state the elector's current address **AND A NEW APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION FOR REGISTERING TO VOTE IN THE NEW MUNICIPALITY**. In the year of a presidential preference primary, the registrars **OF VOTERS** shall send such notice not earlier than the date of such primary. If the registrar **OF VOTERS** does not receive the return card within thirty days after it is sent, the elector's name **SHALL BE PLACED ON THE INACTIVE REGISTRY LIST FOR FOUR YEARS. ELECTORS** ~~the name of an elector who has not voted in two consecutive federal elections,~~ shall be placed on the inactive registry list for four years, **AFTER SENDING A NOTICE AS DISCRIBED ABOVE AND NOT RECEIVING ANY RESPONSE FROM THE ELECTOR**. At the expiration of such period of time on the inactive registry list, such name shall be removed from the registry list. If such elector applies to restore the elector's name to the active registry list or votes during such period, the elector's name shall be restored to the active registry list. Such registrars **OF VOTERS** shall retain a duplicate copy or record of each such notice in their office or, if [they] the registrars OF VOTERS do not have a permanent office, in the office space provided under section 9-5a, and shall note on such duplicate copy or **ELECTRONICALLY** record the date on which such notice was mailed. In each municipality, any elector, upon change of residence within the municipality, may cause the elector's registration to be transferred to the elector's new address by presenting to the registrars **OF VOTERS** [a signed request therefor, stating the elector's present address, the date the elector moved to such address and the address at which the elector was last registered] a new application for voter registration. The registrars **OF VOTERS** shall thereupon enter the elector's name on the list at the elector's new residence; provided no transfer of registration shall be made on the registry list on election day without the consent of [both registrars] each registrar OF VOTERS.